

15th FSB Keeps First Team Vehicles Running

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122nd MPAD

CAMP BLACK JACK- The 2nd Brigade Combat Team is a high performance force that operates day and night in their mission, as do their vehicles. That's why the 15th Forward Support Battalion keeps the gallons flowing all hours of each day at Camp Black Jack, rotating six-hour shifts throughout the battalion.

"During my company's daily, six-hour shift we fuel anything from mopeds to Abrams tanks," said Staff Sgt. Derek Brown, distribution chief, B Co., 15th FSB. "On our hours of operation, we pump around 2,600 gallons of fuel each day."

While some vehicles hold more fuel than others; 300-gallon fuel reservoirs in the tanks compared to a humvee's 25-gallon reservoirs; lines are a consistent sight at the 2BCT fuel point.

But not all the vehicles are *Fire for Effect:*



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To expedite the fuel point line movement, Co. D, 15th FSB fueler, Spc. Nicole Cabral, fills up a humvee, having donned proper eye protection and gloves.

in line for the same kind of fuel. Similar to the civilian world, the military operates with two basic types of gasoline: diesel fuel and unleaded gasoline.

Diesel fuel is the most

commonly used petroleum by the Army. Both tracked and wheeled vehicles use it.

The unleaded fuel is for the non-tactical vehicles that the division uses on the base camps. Civilian sports utility

vehicles are a common mode of transportation for the Army in a more urban environment. Many of the compact vehicles found around post such as the golf carts and all-terrain vehi-

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PSYOP's Goal to Win War of Hearts and Minds

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TAJI, Iraq — With major combat operations complete, the war to win in Iraq has shifted to a different, more imprecise battleground. Leading the charge onto that hazy front, the war to win the hearts and minds of the Iraqi people, are the Soldiers of the Tactical Psychological Operations or 'Psyop' as they are more com-

monly known.

When one thinks of Psyop, visions of helicopters flying under the cover of night or men in black suits with dark sunglasses is likely the first image conjured.

"There's definitely an incorrect perception of what Psyop is," said Sgt. 1st Class Douglas Urbanski, the non-commissioned officer-in-charge with the 345th Psyop

Company, 39th Brigade Combat Team. "Much of the misconceptions about Psyop originate from the early Vietnam operations as well as our need to be somewhat secretive about our tactics...we don't want the enemy 'psyoping' our own people."

Misconceptions aside, as a force multiplier, a Tactical Psychological Operation Team (TPT) offers a commander

many options on the battlefield.

As part of cordon and search operations, a Psyop team broadcasts messages of cooperation, explaining to the citizenry why Coalition Forces are in the area and what they are doing. Working in more confrontational missions, the distinctive Psyop vehicle with a large speaker atop broadcasts surrender appeals, reminding

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Cultivating Relationships, Trust Takes Time

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To close with and destroy a target by conventional means is a tangible objective with little room for nuance and subtlety, the polar opposite of a typical Psyop mission.

Working within a community, cultivating relationships and trust takes time. Results of working within a village are not always immediate and often tracking those results is difficult.

Dismounting their vehicles and walking through the streets, Psyop team members contact people directly: in their shops, homes and on the streets. Often, a Psyop team is first into a village to assess the moods and opinions of the

local population. For many citizens, this is their first face-to-face meeting with American Soldiers.

"The Army realized the potential power a credible information source could be on the battle field, but *only* if that information source *was* credible, *not* spreading lies and propaganda," Urbanski said.

"It's really important that every Soldier understand that they too play an important role in the Psyop mission," Urbanski continued. "You go out and punch an Iraqi citizen in the nose, that's a negative Psyop encounter. You go out and give children candy, or have a cup of tea with a local, that's a positive Psyop encounter. We all have a part in this."



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Using the distinct loud speaker mounted on the top of their vehicle, part of the mission of a Tactical Psychological Operations Team is to broadcast pre-recorded and live messages to an area they patrol.

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► A Tribute to Two Soldiers



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2nd Lt. Robert Helm, the physician assistant for Task Force 1st Battalion, 21st Field Artillery Regiment, plays Taps during a memorial service for two Soldiers in the battalion. The Soldiers, Spc. James Marshall and Pfc. Bradley Kritzer, were killed last week when an Improvised Explosive Device hit their vehicle. Marshall and Kritzer were Multiple Launch Rocket System crewmen, and were patrolling Baghdad's Al Rashid District when their patrol was ambushed. Two other Soldiers were wounded. For their service, Marshall and Kritzer were awarded the Bronze Star with "V" Device for Valor and the Purple Heart.

Useful Iraqi Words

Saturday
 Sunday
 Monday
 today

al-sebit
 al-a-Hed
 al-ith-nein
 al-youm

Saturday
 High: 90
 Low: 72



Sunday
 High: 88
 Low: 68



Monday
 High: 90
 Low: 68



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Fort Hood to Celebrate Armed Forces Day Today

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KILLEEN, Texas- Two local festivals this weekend will mark Armed Forces Day, which is Saturday. The celebrations, including the Freedom Fest at Killeen's Conder Park and the Rabbit Fest in Copperas Cove's City Park, have a heaviness hanging over them with about 23,000 Fort Hood Soldiers deployed to Iraq.

"The festival is to show our support for Fort Hood's Soldiers, as well as troops from the entire U.S. military," said Debi Harper-Adams with Century 21 Team Wheatley, which is sponsoring the Killeen festival.

Proceeds from the event will be used to support the Fisher House, which helps Soldiers and their families, and Easter Seals of Central Texas.

The Freedom Fest will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on

Saturday and will include moon walks, a dunking booth, a trackless children's train, carnival games, prize raffles and food vendors.

Admission is free; however, tickets will be sold for the carnival rides. Performers will include the Ira Cross Elementary School Stompin' Bulldogs, the Karen & Donna School of Dance, Gem Karate Studio and The Praise Team Dancers.

Recent "Star Search" runnerup Spensha Baker will sing the national anthem. Tony's Karaoke will donate a couple of hours of entertainment, and there will be live bands performing.

In addition, Freedom Fest will hold several raffles throughout the day offering prizes such as a 2004 Harley-Davidson Sportster, a vacation package, a family portrait session and gift certificates from

local businesses.

While Freedom Fest is meant to support troops and their families in this area, it hits close to home for the fest's sponsor.

One of Century 21's real estate agents, 37-year-old Sgt. 1st Class Emilio Perales, is deployed to Iraq with the 1st Cavalry Division's 615th Aviation Support Battalion. "It's scary," said Margie Perales, Emilio's wife. "A lot of times, it's not a good feeling. There is not much I can do as a spouse."

She said the festival is a good distraction to help relieve the stress of her husband's deployment.

Many spouses of 21st Century's real estate agents are also in Iraq.

One real estate agent had been talking to her husband on the phone recently and heard gunfire in the background,

Harper-Adams said.

"We just needed to do something," she said. "This is the way we felt we could do it." Members of the community need to show support for the Soldiers, even if they don't agree with the reasons for going to war, Harper-Adams said.

A former Soldier herself, Harper-Adams said the community has come together better this time than during the Gulf War in 1991.

"I think there is a bit more patriotism this time around," she said.

The Rabbit Fest at Copperas Cove's City Park started Thursday and runs through Sunday. Entrance to the park is \$8 for a carload for all four days.

Carnival rides, arts and crafts displays, commercial vendors and food booths will be offered all four days.



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Eye Protection, Gloves, Other Precautions Help Enhance Safety

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cles have engines powered by unleaded gas. But when it comes to fire hazards, unleaded fuel is more dangerous.

"[Diesel] fuel burns slower because it has so many additives, and it requires a continuous flame to ignite," Staff Sgt. Charles Spence, Co. D, fuel supply non-commissioned officer in charge said. "But unleaded gasoline can catch fire with a simple spark, and it will go up in seconds."

Many precautions are made to enhance the safety at fuel points. Smoking within a 50-foot perimeter of the area is

prohibited, but oddly enough, static electricity is more apt to cause a fire.

To prevent static electricity from starting a fire, the fuel trucks need to be grounded.

"We wire our fuel trucks into a grounding-rod driven four feet into the ground, and that helps soak up the sparks," Brown said. "If the tanks want to fuel up, they need to be grounded, too."

Another danger working with gasoline is skin contact with the fuel. The fuel pumps on the Heavy Expandable Mobility Tactical Truck can

"Without fuel nothing runs, nothing moves."

-SSG Charles Spence, fuel supply NCOIC, 15th FSB

propel up to 350 gallons per minute. Even when the pump is turned off, gravity pushes the fuel at a significant rate out of the nozzle and can backfire when topping off a tank.

Goggles suffice for eye

protection, but Soldiers also need to wear gloves while pumping because the fuel is carcinogenic, according to Brown.

"We try to maintain the proper precautions," the distribution chief said.

With safety in mind, the fuel-point supervisors of 15th FSB are proud to serve the 2BCT with the lifeblood of the mobile Army.

"What I like about my job is it's a very important job," Spence said. "Without fuel nothing runs; nothing moves. I also love to work with my Soldiers and help keep all the engines going."

Today in History

May 15

► From historychannel.com

1864 Battle of New Market, Va.
1942 Legislation creating the Women's Army Corps becomes law
1964 The Smothers Brothers make their debut at Carnegie Hall
1972 Governor George Wallace shot
1988 Soviets begin withdrawal from Afghanistan

Today in Cav History



1959 - The 191st Military Intelligence Detachment was organized and assigned 1st Cavalry Division in Korea
1998 - Operation INTRINSIC ACTION 98-03 - Kuwait initiated

One Spot Remains on Womens Basketball Team

► From ESPN.com.news services

Diana Taurasi was one of two former UConn Huskies named to the USA Basketball Women's Senior National Team that will compete in the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens in August, the U.S. Olympic Selection Committee and national team coach Van Chancellor announced Wednesday. Swin Cash, the No. 2 overall pick in the 2002 WNBA draft, also was selected.

Taurasi, Cash and Sue Bird, who was selected earlier, were teammates for two seasons at UConn, including the 2002 national championship squad, which finished a perfect 39-0.

Nine players already had been named to the "core group" that would help comprise the Olympic squad, including Bird, Tamika Catchings, Shannon Johnson, Lisa Leslie, DeLisha Milton-Jones, Katie Smith, Dawn Staley, Sheryl Swoopes and Tina Thompson.

One spot on the 12-member team is still open. The committee will evaluate players for the final roster spot during the WNBA preseason before making an announcement on the eventual 12-member squad. That position will be filled by a post player, said Renee Brown, who chairs the USA Basketball selection committee. "This is definitely a thrill," said Taurasi, who led Connecticut to its third straight national title last month and was the top pick, by the Phoenix Mercury, in the WNBA draft.



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Diana Taurasi (left) will join former UConn teammate Sue Bird on the women's basketball team at the Olympic Games in Athens this summer.

Scores MLB



AMERICAN LEAGUE

Boston 9
Toronto 3

Detroit 7
Texas 1

New York 9
Seattle 5

Cleveland 8 (10 innings)
Tampa Bay 7

Anaheim 10 (10 innings)
Baltimore 9

Minnesota 3
Chicago 2

Oakland 6
Kansas City 2

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Atlanta 2
Milwaukee 0

New York 8
Houston 3

St. Louis 6
Florida 3



NHL

CONFERENCE FINALS (Best of 7 series)

Eastern Conference

Tampa Bay 4 (Thursday)
Philadelphia 1
(Tampa Bay leads series 2-1)

Western Conference

San Jose 3 (Thursday)
Calgary 0
(Calgary leads series 2-1)



NBA



CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS (Best of 7 series)

Eastern Conference

New Jersey 127 (3rd overtime)
Detroit 120
(New Jersey leads series 3-2)

Western Conference

Minnesota
Sacramento
(Series tied 2-2)

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20:00	IRL Auto Racing	SportsCenter	Friday Night Fights - Junior Middleweights: Peter Manfredo Jr. vs. Anthony Bosante	Every Woman 20:40
21:00	MLB - Seattle Mariners @ New York Yankees	IRL Auto Racing: Indianapolis 500 Time Trials: Pole Day		Trading Spaces
22:00			Best Damn Sports Show Period	Trading Spaces